is that of enriching our own lives, that of our community, state and nation. There never will be any problems anywhere, if we will make sure that we do not permit any in our own sphere. Don't be afraid of spreading this contagious seizure. The further it spreads and the more firmly it takes hold, the more sure we are that the threat of unhappiness and destructive force will never rear its ugly head in our midst.

The habit of enthusiasm for our homes, friends, flowers and institutions, both secular and religious is to be encouraged in everyone. It makes others glad that you are among them and it is an emotion that leaves a glow long after the person lighting it has gone.

It is wonderful, indeed, to be a lamplighter of beauty, happiness and friendship as we pass along life's way. It has been a very satisfying privilege to have had the opportunity of working with you. I shall look forward to a continued relationship with each of you that will give continuity to these experiences. And I do pledge you in deep sincerity that I shall always be working for the American Hibiscus Society with as much zeal in the days to come as has characterized the past. You are a wonderful group and I feel anyone can be greatly enriched through association with the Society.

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There are three classifications of people: WORKERS - JERKERS - SHIRKERS. How do you rate yourself?

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GENERAL CARE OF HIBISCUS -- Si Shepard

Probably the most popular flowering shrub in Florida is the Hibiscus. Hibiscus are like most of the other shrubs in that they like a well dreined soil that is well fortified with organic matter.

The pH of the soil should be from 5.5 to 6.5. When the pH gets above 7.0 iron deficiency shows up on the leaves. They become a very light green with only the major veins remaining their normal color.

Most of the large growing Hibiscus like full sun, but some of the improved varieties can best live under filtered light shade.

The ground around Hibiscus should be kept clean of grass or weeds. Mulching can be practiced with good results but be sure that the mulch does not bank up against the base of the plant.

Hibiscus are attacked by several types of scale and insects. Most of these attack the twigs and leaves and sometimes even the trunks of the shrub. The worst scale pest is the SNOW scale. The trunk and larger branches of the plant seems to be where this whitish scale does its work. This scale will kill the Hibiscus unless it is controlled. Hibiscus may be injured by both Malathion and oil sprays unless they are carefully used. Since this scale pest is usually on the trunks and limbs, one of the best controls is to mix oil emuslion at spray strength and then apply to the scale with a small clean soft paint brush.

Red spider mites at times cause yellow leaves and aphids cause curled leaves. Sulphur will control mites and Black Leaf 40 will get the aphids. The best general clean-up spray for both these insects and a prevention against scale is to use an oil emuision to which Lindane, Zineb, Black Leaf 40, or Malathion has been added. Oil emulsion with one or more of these elements can be purchased at most any store handling spray materials.

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